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(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a method of processing clinical samples for diagnosing bacterial infections by smear microscopy, culture or PCR as well as a kit for performing the said method. This invention also pertains to two sets of primers specific for the DevR gene of M. tuberculosis as well as to a method of using said primers for screening patients for tuberculosis by PCR.

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